

Crawford County Commission met pursuant to adjournment with these members present: Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner; Mark Pfeiffer, Commissioner District 1; Jared Boast, Commissioner District 2; County Clerk, Kim Gibbs and De Dee Hamilton; and the following proceedings were had to viz;

Attendees at the beginning of the meeting included Darin Layman, Kellie Vestal, Karen Sikes, Richard Jensen, Rob Sikes, Jim Chapman, Ashley Schmelz, Bill Harlan, Hunter Phillips and Amy England.

Frank Brooks opened the meeting with prayer and exited the meeting.

9:02 a.m.: Jared Boast made a motion to accept the agenda for the April 15, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission, with an amendment to include discussion regarding the landfill account, and the opioid board. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Crawford County Commission meeting minutes of March 25, 2025. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

Jared Boast made a motion to accept the Crawford County Commission meeting minutes of April 1, 2025. Mark Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

There was no commission meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, due to the Municipal Election, so there were no minutes presented for review for that date.

9:08 a.m.: Tammy Snodgrass from MRPC will be at the April 29, 2025 commission meeting to discuss flood plain permit requirements.

9:09 a.m.: County Officials: Kim Gibbs gave an update on the April 8, 2025 Municipal Election; it was her first election and everything went well. Kim Gibbs advised that the county clerk's office will continue to be closed on the day after an election. Kim Gibbs had the commission review the list of surplus items that will be advertised for bid in the local papers.

9:12 a.m.: Karen Sikes presented county bank statements to the commission to be in compliance with what is required by the auditors. Karen Sikes advised that the county would be receiving \$31,684.97 from the National Opioid Settlement. Karen Sikes reached out to MRPC to inquire about grant availability for elevator repair and replacement.

Darin Layman advised that if certified in the Blue Shield Program, Crawford County would gain access to \$10 million in grant funding and that Crawford County was 90% toward completion of certification. Darin Layman presented a resolution to the commission for review regarding same. Darin Layman also gave information for review to Karen Sikes, as she will have to submit a letter supporting the program also. The resolution will be addressed again at the April 29 commission meeting. Darin Layman gave an update regarding the K-9 program; they have a handler and the dog, securing the K-9 vehicle soon.

9:24 a.m.: Steve Black advised that the commission had met with FEMA; the county was still waiting for reimbursement after the November, 2024 flood and the reimbursement may not be in this calendar year.

Steve Black said that the City of Steelville will be replacing the drains on Main Street in front of the courthouse in June or July.

Steve Black advised that the Health Department had received a bid for a new generator. Discussion will continue at the April 29 commission meeting.

Kim Gibbs stated that the county landfill account is only required to have \$20,000 in it and there was \$77,000 in the account now. There will be more discussion regarding where those funds can be utilized.

Steve Black voiced his disappointment in the use tax not passing; and that the county would not be able to boost employee salaries or increase funding for the road districts. Steve Black was unhappy with the Crawford County MO Area Politics Facebook page and the false statements there regarding the use tax. Steve Black felt someone needed to take responsibility for what is on the page.

Steve Black addressed the elected official's salary increase and read the schedule showing when the official will receive the increase, as it varies according to the term of the elected official. See attached. It was stated again, that elected officials had not received a raise in thirteen years, with some still not receiving their raise until their term begins again. It was also added that the commission does not control when elected officials receive an increase; this is something that is voted on by the salary committee that is comprised of elected officials.

9:53 a.m.: Kim Gibbs presented the county's budget review for the last three months.

9:54 a.m.: Dustin Bly from Legacy Advisors entered the meeting.

9:57 a.m.: Van Kitchen from Globe Life entered the meeting. Ty Mayberry with Legend Advisors entered the meeting.

The budget review continued.

10:09 a.m.: Ty Mayberry from Legend Advisors in Jefferson City introduced himself to the commission and expressed interest in the opportunity to bid on the upcoming renewal for county employee health insurance.

10:16 a.m.: Dustin Bly with Legacy Advisors in Columbia advised the commission that United Healthcare had given a quote for the renewal of the county health insurance; and supplied different plan levels, as well as providing other options for the county's health insurance. Van Kitchen stated ancillary benefits were available for cancer, critical care and accidental, but did not provide a quote. Dustin Bly had quotes for the same ancillary benefits and commented that those benefits had not been met with much success in the past.

It was agreed that there would be more discussion regarding the insurance renewal and options with Mayberry, Kitchen and Bly before the renewal date of June 1, 2025.

10:44 a.m.: Dustin Bly, Ty Mayberry and Van Kitchen exited the meeting.

10:45 a.m.: Jim Chapman and Ashley Schmelz addressed the commission to request a road closure/abandonment near their property, and provided new surveys of the area. The road had never been named, and the county had never maintained the road. The commission will get an opinion from Dave Smith before proceeding.

10:57 a.m. Based on the recommendation for an approved purchase by the Opioid Fund Disbursement Board, Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to award \$12,105 to purchase and install a harm reduction machine at the coroner's building. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried. This machine will provide access to free Narcan and other items to those in need.

11:00 a.m.: Citizens' participation: Rob Sikes addressed the commission regarding the bridge on Kline Road. It was noted there was no movement on the sale of the garage on Franklin Street in Cuba. CP ended at 11:06 a.m.

11:51 a.m.: Amy England thanked the commission for working together for the betterment of the county and stated this was her last commission meeting for the Cuba Free Press. The commission thanked Amy for her years of service.

11:58 a.m.: Mark Pfeiffer made a motion to adjourn the April 15th, 2025, meeting of the Crawford County Commission. Jared Boast seconded the motion. All in favor; motion carried.

The Commission adjourned to meet Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Steve Black, Presiding Commissioner